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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

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ABILITYONE MISSION

Provide employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other significant disabilities through the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government.

Training Focus:

Employment within the disability community is the AbilityOne's primary objective. The Federal procurement system is the vehicle identified by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act to fulfill this need.

Source:

(1) Legal authority – Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act – 41 USC § 8504 (a)

In General. – An entity of the Federal Government intending to procure a product or service on the procurement list referred to in section 8503 of this title shall procure that product or service from a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or a qualified nonprofit agency for other severely disabled in accordance with regulations of the Committee and at the price the Committee establishes if the product or service is available within the period required by the entity.

(2) Regulation – 41 CFR chapter 51-1.1 (b)

It is the policy of the Committee to encourage all Federal entities and employees to provide the necessary support to ensure that the JWOD Act is implemented in an effective manner. This support includes purchase of products and services published on the Committee's Procurement List through appropriate channels from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

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